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For : METHOD OF DETECTING PERILYMPH FISTULA

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir :

This is in response to the Final Office Action from the Patent and Trademark Office dated May 25, 2010, which Final Office Action set a three month shortened statutory period for response extending until August 25, 2010. This is also in response to the Interview Summary mailed August 16, 2010. Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Insofar as this response is being filed prior to the expiration of the time period set by the Final Office Action, no fee is believed due at this time. However, if for any reason an extension of time or other fee is necessary, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any such fee necessary to maintain the pendency of this application, including any required extension of time fee or any required claim fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.